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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 10524

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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TIMOR

REF: JAKARTA 10460

1. BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY,  
WHICH HAS RECEIVED REPORTS FROM DARWIN WHICH IN CONTACT  
WITH PORTUGUESE RESCUE VESSEL MACDIL, AND ON CONVERSATION  
WITH ALI MURTOPO AIDE HARRY TJAN, TIMOR SITUATION VIEWED  
FROM JAKARTA IS AS FOLLOWS.

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2. SITUATION IN DILI CONTINUES EXTREMELY SERIOUS WITH OPEN BATTLE BETWEEN FRETILIN AND UDT FORCES. NOT CLEAR WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, APODETI PLAYING WITH CONFLICTING REPORTS THAT THEY SUPPORTING ONE OR OTHER OF COMBATANTS. TJAN OPINED MUCH OF VIOLENCE NOW FOLLOWING CLAN/FAMILY LINES INVOLVING LOCAL SCORE-SETTLING RATHER THAN POLITICAL PARTY DIVISIONS PER SE. GOV. LEMOS PIRES HAS MOVED SEAT OF GOVERNMENT TO RPISON ISLAND OF ATAURO TAKING WITH HIM 12 ARMY COMMANDOES, 27 NAVAL TECHNICAIAANS AND 64 PARATROOPERS. INDONESIA CONSULATE STAFF REMINAS IN DILI WITH 1,000 REFUGEES (ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIANS--TJAN SAYS 200) UNDER CONSULATE'S PROTECTION. ROC CONSULATE STAFF ALSO IN DILI, WITH SEVERAL THOUSAND REFUGEES UNDER THEIR PROTECTION. PIRES REPORTEDLY STATED THAT UDT HAD AGREED TO HIS PLEAS THAT CHINESE NOT BE HARMED, BUT TJAN SAID MANY CHINESE HAVE SUFFERED FROM LOOTING AND GENERAL DISORDER INCLUDING RACIALLY-MOTIVATED ATTACKS.

3. PORTUGUESE SPECIAL EMISSARY SANTOS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN JAKARTA (FROM NEW YORK VIA LISBON) FOR DISCUSSIONS EVENING OF AUG 27. INDONESIA HAVE INSISTED SANTOS BE GIVEN FULL MANDATE TO DICUSS WHOLE PT SITUATION, NOT JUST REFUGEE AND RESCUE PROBLEM. PIRES HAS REPORTEDLY ASKED SANTOS TO VISIT ATAURO (WHERE THERE IS 1,500 METER AIRSTRIP) BEFORE ANY ATTEMPT TO VISIT DILI.

4. INDONESIA DE MONGINAIDI--WHICH HAS ORDERS TO SHOOT IF SHOT AT--HAS ARRIVED IN TIMOR TO PARTICIPATE IN REFUGEE EVACUATION BUT REPORTS DIFFER AS TO WHETHER IT HAS ENTERED DILI HARBOR (TJAN'S STATEMENT) OR IS LYING OFF AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. ADDITIONAL FORCE OF 3 DE'S (PROBABLY ONE OF US ORIGIN AND 2 SOVIET) PLUS SEVEN CHARTERED MERCHANT SHIPS (TOTAL CAPACITY 3,000 PASSENGERS) EN ROUTE FROM SURABAYA TO TIMOR, BUT WILL NOT ALL ARRIVE FOR SEVERAL AYS.

5. PRESIDENT SUHARTO CONTINUES TO HOLD OFF AUTHORIZING ANY ACTION TO QUELL DISTRUBANCE IN DILI UNLESS AND UNTIL SPECIFICALLY ASKED BY GOP (PERHAPS THROUGH UN) ALTHOUGH HIS POSITON ON EVACUATION BY INDONESIA SHIPS LESS CLEAR.  
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BOTH TJAN AND AUSTRALIAN SOURCES STATE THAT IN RECENT MEETINGS WITH ADVISORS SUHARTO ALMOST "MYSTICALLY" SURE TIMOR WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME PART OF INDONESIA, AND THEREFORE WILL NOT INTERVENE UNINVITED EVEN IF FRETILIN GAINS CONTROL AND PROCLAIMS INDEPENDENCE. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY BELIEVES WHITLAM AUG 26 SPEECH BEFORE PARLIAMENT IN WHICH HE AFFIRMED AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT INTERVENE MILITARILY AND CALLED TIMOR "IN MANY WAYS PART OF INDONESIA WORLD" HAS

GREATLY STRENGTHENED SUHARTO'S HAND SINCE PORTUGUESE AND UN  
KNOW ONLY SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE IS INDONESIA. (JAKARTA  
PRESS REPORT TO EFFECT THAT AUSTRALIA HAD APPEALED TO  
INDONESIA NOT TO INTERVENE IS TOTALLY FALSE, ACCORDING  
AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY) TJAN STATED GOI BELIEVES IF SITUATION  
IN TIMOR CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE GOP MAY REQUEST INDONESIAN  
INTERFENTION VIA PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FROM LISBON RATHER THAN  
VIA SANTOS-GOI DISCUSSIONS IN JAKARTA.  
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